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MATHIES, et al.)
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LOADING SYSTEM)

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AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, line 7, after "present invention" and before ";," please add --wherein

FIG. 4A shows fluid flow in a capillary, and FIG. 4B indicates the absence of fluid flow, owing to an ice plug--.

Page 6, line 12, after "present invention" and before "; and," please add --wherein

FIG. 6A demonstrates application of a vacuum to suck out excess solution from a

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